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Big Promotion For The Nestor Of Western Railroad Men

CHOSEN TO MANAGE THE UNION PACIFIC

Splendid Position to Which W. H. Bancroft Has Been Elected, Effective Today.

PRESIDENT BURT HAS RETIRED.

Is an Interview Mr. Bancroft Says His Appointment Will Affect No Other Official.

HIS RESIDENCE TO BE SALT LAKE.

To be Special Western Representative Of Mr. Harriman—Will Also Have A Voice in San Pedro.

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 15.—The following bulletin was posted today at Union Pacific headquarters: "New York, Jan. 15.—Mr. W. H. Bancroft is appointed general manager of the Union Pacific Railroad company with headquarters at Omaha, Neb., effective this date. (Signed) 'E. H. HARRIMAN, President.'"

The announcement that W. H. Bancroft has been appointed, effective today, vice president and general manager of the Union Pacific, is taken to mean more than the title would infer. Reports to the contrary, he will make Salt Lake his residence headquarters and from here he will take frequent trips over the systems. With Salt Lake as his headquarters he will be the Harriman representative in the intermountain region with jurisdiction over the Union Pacific and Oregon Short Line and the representative of the Harriman interests in the San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake.

AN OPEN SECRET.

It has been an open secret in Utah that the Salt Lake Route affairs have been for some time in the hands of a committee of four composed of Vice President J. Ross Clark and Chief Engineer Hawgood of the Salt Lake Route for the Clark interests, and Vice President and General Manager W. H. Bancroft of the Oregon Short Line, and Chief Engineer William Hood of the Southern Pacific, for E. H. Harriman, with appeal in case of disagreement up to President W. A. Clark and E. H. Harriman.

HARRIMAN IN SAN PEDRO.

For the first time the long patent fact that Harriman is heavily interested in San Pedro affairs is made public through the medium of the Associated Press in the following dispatch which is a portion of the story of the banquet last night in honor of Horace G. Burt, the president and general manager of the Union Pacific, who retires today.

A NATURAL SEQUENCE.

The dispatch says: "The selection of Mr. Bancroft comes as a natural sequence of the changes which have been made on the Oregon Short Line in the last eight months. That portion of the Oregon Short Line south of Salt Lake City was turned over to Senator Clark's road, known as the San Pedro line, which is to extend from Salt Lake City to the coast of Southern California. The portion of the Short Line which remained under the management of Mr. Bancroft was of considerable extent and it has now been practically consolidated with the Union Pacific system—a plan contemplated by Mr. Harriman for some time.

THE MYSTERY CLEARED UP.

"The controlling power in the San Pedro line was for a long time somewhat of a mystery, and it was presumed that Senator Clark was another Richmond in the railroad world. It has become known recently that Senator Clark and Mr. Harriman were working in entire harmony and the presumption now is that the same financial interests which control the Harriman lines now control the San Pedro."

BEGINS AT ONCE.

Mr. Bancroft has been in the city for several days in conference with Vice President Cornish of New York.

The new appointment, it is stated, will make no change in Mr. Bancroft's position with the Oregon Short Line, the affairs of which road he will continue to direct. President Burt's resignation taking effect today the incumbency of the new general manager will begin at once. Another sequence of Mr. Bancroft's appointment is the bringing in to closer relations of the Oregon Short Line and Union Pacific railway, both of which will be practically under one management which will direct them as a consolidated system.

REMAINS WITH SHORT LINE.

Mr. Bancroft is the new vice president and general manager of the

Union Pacific with jurisdiction over the Oregon Short Line the same as heretofore. He enters upon his new duties at once. Everett Buckingham, superintendent of transportation on the Union Pacific, it is said, will remain the highest operating official in Omaha, while E. E. Calvin will look after operating affairs at this end of the system. Just what the titles of the officials named will be is not at this time forthcoming. It is believed that they will not be changed.

DISPOSES OF GREEN RIVER MOVE.

The resignation of Mr. Burt, which is effected today, is responsible for the change, and the program first mapped out of segregation that part of the Union Pacific west of Green river and making it part of the Oregon Short Line, as outlined in last night's "News," has been succeeded by a more sweeping one—the practical merger of the Union Pacific and the Short Line under one operating head. For some time past the two systems have been under one supreme traffic head. With the promotion of Mr. Bancroft the consolidation is practically complete.

GOOD STEP.

The move made is a good one for the shippers of this and other states to the north and west for it will mean a speedy delivery of consignments which heretofore in a number of cases have been delayed from one to two days during the transfer at Ogden. This feature has long been a source of annoyance and could only be obviated by the segregation noted, or a merger which removed the necessity of a transfer and delay of freight cars.

LOCAL OFFICIALS WON'T TALK.

Beyond the official announcement at the banquet in Omaha last night nothing further is forthcoming at this time. Beyond the fact that the appointment had been made the local officials do not care to discuss the situation. The general sentiment is one of congratulation that the general manager of the Oregon Short Line should have been chosen for so important position and the wires from Salt Lake to Omaha have been kept hot today sending congratulations from railroadmen and citizens alike. It is felt that the right man has been selected for the place and that under his jurisdiction the bickerings and lack of harmony between the departments that have marked the operation of the Union Pacific for eighteen months past will disappear.

RUMORS ARE RIFE.

Unofficially, however, there is a wider aggregation of rumors than marked yesterday's discussion in railroad circles in Salt Lake. Everywhere it is conceded that the appointment of Mr. Bancroft marks the opening gun in the new campaign of consolidation that has long been outlined by Mr. Harriman and his advisors.

POSSIBLE CHANGES.

As a sample of what is being discussed is the assertion that there will be a decided segregation in the near future whereby the Chicago & Alton will be given the Union Pacific division from Kansas City to Denver, thereby giving that link up the Harriman transcontinental chain identically the same proposition as now held by the Burlington, which enters the cities of Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City and Denver. Other changes along similar lines will be inaugurated at the western end of the Union Pacific and all along the system will be strengthened up and fortified against competition, and that W. H. Bancroft as general manager and Harriman representative in the intermountain region, will look after the operation of the big interests on a salary of \$25,000 a year.

A SPLENDID RECORD.

William H. Bancroft was 63 years old on Oct. 29 last. He entered the railroad service as a telegraph operator and ticket clerk on the Michigan Southern April, 1856, since which he has been consecutively, May, 1861, to 1869, division operator, clerk and dispatcher on the Erie; 1869 to 1872, dispatcher, superintendent's clerk and train dispatcher Kansas Pacific road; Oct. 29, 1872, to April, 1875, assistant superintendent Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad; May, 1875, to 1878, superintendent St. Louis, Lawrence & Western road; Jan. 1 to April, 1878, chief dispatcher Missouri, Kansas & Texas; April, 1878, to July 25, 1888, superintendent of the various divisions of Denver & Rio Grande; Aug. 15, 1884, to July 29, 1888, receiver Denver & Rio Grande Western; July 29, 1886, to July 1, 1890, general superintendent mountain division Union Pacific; March, 1897, to Jan. 15, 1904, vice president and general manager Oregon Short Line; Jan. 15, 1904, general manager of Union Pacific and Oregon Short Line systems.

WANTED IN WASHINGTON.

Request is Made to Have State Engineer Doremus Go There.

(Special to the "News.")—Washington, D. C., Jan. 15.—Senators Smoot and Kearns joined in telegram to Gov. Wells today in which they made suggestion that State Engineer Doremus be directed to come to Washington with Prof. Newell when that gentleman returns. Here it is proposed that a conference shall be held in company with Mr. Richards and the senators have reason to believe the outcome will be acceptable respecting Utah lake proposition. It is expected that the suggestion will meet with the approval of Gov. Wells.

ANXIOUS TO MEET FARMERS.

Prof. Newell is anxious to meet the farmers on his arrival here, and talk water matters with them; and it is believed that the professor will so explain things



W. H. BANCROFT, Well Known Salt Lake Railroad Man Who Has Been Elected Vice President and General Manager Of the Union Pacific.

HEADS I WIN, TAILS YOU LOSE.

Health Commissioner Stewart's Latest Scheme in Discharging Employees of Department.

W. J. KORTH WALKS PLANK.

Inspector and Fumigator Woodard Invited to Flip a Coin to See Who Shall be Fired.

SENATOR KEARN'S BILL.

Senate Passes One to Make Salt Lake a Port of Entry.

(Special to the "News.")—Washington, D. C., Jan. 15.—The senate this afternoon passed Senator Kearns' bill to create a port of entry at Salt Lake and authorizing the appointment of a surveyor of customs there at an annual salary of \$1,000 dollars.

POSTMASTERS APPOINTED.

Postmasters appointed—Utah—Clear Lake, Millard county, Mabel A. Robinson vice C. L. Schellery, resigned.

Idaho—Idaho, Bingham county, Ezekiel Lee vice Isaac M. Gudmundsen, resigned.

A postoffice has been established at Paine, Bingham county, Idaho, with Lulu A. Foges as postmaster.

SHORES DISBARMENT CASE.

Judge Harney Dismisses It Without Hearing Arguments.

Butte, Mont., Jan. 15.—The disbarment case against A. J. Shores and D. Gay Stivers, local attorneys whom Judge Harney sought to have disbarred from practicing law in the state of Montana, was dismissed today.

COLLIER NERVOUS.

Washington, Jan. 15.—The navy department has received the following cablegram from Rear Admiral Glass, dated Panama yesterday:

"Collier Nero at Panama has been injured by the Concord going along side. Damage is not serious, and temporary repairs will be made at Panama. Grounding the Nero at high water so as to be able to work below the water line."

HERMAN RECAPTURED.

He Escaped From Prison in the Island of Cebu.

Manila, Jan. 15.—George Herman, whose escape from prison in Cebu was reported yesterday, was not long at large. A vigorous search was made for the escape, who had established a reputation as a dangerous man during his flight from Mindanao with money belonging to the government which led to his incarceration, and in a few hours were successful in effecting his capture.

SHOCKLEY TO PLEAD.

Will be Brought Down From "Pen" This Afternoon.

The question of the arraignment of Shockley, the murderer of the street carman, has been settled. He will be brought down from the "Pen" this afternoon and at a late hour will be taken before Judge Diehl in Judge Tanner's court room in the city and county building, to make his plea. That he will plead guilty or waive examination is certain in view of his full confession of the heinous crime.

During the whole of today there has been a determined effort on the part of the officers to keep the time and place of the arraignment a secret, but the information was quietly and definitely communicated to the "News," and the arraignment will take place as herein set forth. The prisoner is to be represented by Judge E. A. Wilson and Attorney H. A. Smith. The line of defense to be pursued, in the event that there will be a defense, is not yet disclosed.

INVITED TO TOSS.

Late yesterday afternoon Dr. Stewart notified Inspector Korth and Fumigator Woodard to call at his office. He then told them that he must make room for Sperry and suggested that they flip up a coin to see which one would step out. This the two men refused to do, and politely informed the commissioner that if he wanted to remove one of them to do so. Dr. Stewart then notified Mr. Korth that his services would not be needed in the department after today. The principal question among the employees of the department who are left is who will be the next two who will be invited by the commissioner to "flip up a coin?"

JOHN ROBINSON HANGED.

Kirksville, Mo., Jan. 15.—John Robinson was hanged today for the murder of his father-in-law, George Conklin. He died, declaring that he had made his peace with God and had been forgiven for the murder. In the jail office he shook the hands of 100 friends.

ARCHBISHOP HARTY IN MANILA.

Manila, Jan. 15.—The Right Rev. J. J. Harty, the newly appointed Catholic archbishop of Manila, arrived here today. A monster reception has been arranged for tomorrow to give him greeting.

F. J. HAGENBARTH.

Salt Lake Man Who Was This Afternoon Elected President of the National Livestock Association.

Portland, Or., Jan. 15.—The closing sessions of the National Livestock convention were devoted to the completion of a large amount of detail business that has hung through the session. Addresses were listened to on various phases of the industry and there was continued discussion of the railroads and forest reserve matters. The election and installation of officers will probably come up at this morning's session.

The adoption of a number of special resolutions prepared by the executive committee was the first order of business. The first protested against the operation of the lieut. land law, and recommended an investigation of the bill on the "scrip" method now before Congress.

Another commended the action of President Roosevelt in appointing a commission to investigate the public land question, also the transfer of control of the interior to that of agriculture. A third resolution recommended the transfer of the entire subject of reserves be given into the hands of the secretary of the department of agriculture.

A resolution was passed advocating an elastic currency. President Springer explained that the object was to get a currency of such elasticity that the stockman won't have 12 per cent money and the Wall street gambler have 4 per cent money. In relation to transportation matters a resolution was passed calling upon the transportation committee to meet as soon as possible and demand that the transportation companies cease their abusive treatment of the livestock industry.

A resolution of thanks was extended to the people of Portland for the entertainment of the visitors during their stay in Portland. A number of congratulatory letters and telegrams from members not in attendance were read. Chancellor E. Benjamin Andrews of the University of Nebraska, delivered an address on the subject "Is the Production of Livestock Keeping Pace with the Demand?"

FOR A SERVICE PENSION.

Sen. Dolliver and Rep. Calderhead Introduce Bills for One.

Washington, Jan. 14.—There will be introduced in Congress tomorrow, in the senate by Mr. Dolliver of Iowa and in the house by Mr. Calderhead of Kansas, a service pension bill backed by the Grand Army of the Republic, which, if enacted into law, will give a pension of \$12 a month to every soldier who served 90 days in the Union army during the civil war and who was honorably discharged therefrom, and who has attained the age of 62 years. A like pension will be given to the widows of such soldiers in all cases where the marriage took place before June 27, 1890. The introduction of the bill is the result of the meeting in Washington of the committee on pensions of the Grand Army. The committee had an extended conference with the grand army, during the day, and the latter assured them of his entire sympathy in their undertaking. They also talked with Pension Commissioner Vane about the work.

The bill, it is explained, is not designed to interfere with existing pension legislation, and it provides in terms that no soldier or widow receiving a pension under its provisions shall be entitled to a pension under any other law.

LIVE STOCK CONVEN.

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NO DECLARATION OF WAR FROM RUSSIA.

Baron Hayashi Says it is Practically Certain None Will Emanate from That Country.

JAPAN'S REPLY IS DELIVERED.

She Has Consented to Eliminate Manchuria From the Controversy.

MAY TRANSFER NEGOTIATIONS.

Diplomats at Russian Capital Favor Their Transference to St. Petersburg.

London, Jan. 15.—The Japanese minister, Baron Hayashi, had received no indication this morning of the probable attitude of Russia, but he said to a representative of the Associated Press: "It is practically certain that any declaration of war will not emanate from Russia."

The minister is not very hopeful of the result of the latest Japanese note. He specifically denies that Japan's reply suggests the neutralization of a portion of Manchuria as well as of a portion of Korea, or that intention was made of the right to break off negotiations.

"Our conditions," said the minister, "are practically summed up in the concluding portion of the state department's announcement regarding the Chinese-American treaty. For these principles, to which Secy. Hay says the United States is irrevocably committed, we are willing to give up unless Russia will consent to go to war on the open-door policy and Chinese sovereignty in Manchuria."

JAPAN'S REPLY DELIVERED.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 15.—The Japanese minister, M. Kurino today delivered the Japanese reply to the foreign office here.

MAIN POINTS OF REPLY.

Berlin, Jan. 15.—The Japanese minister and all the staff of the legation attended the Russian ambassador's New Year's reception yesterday. Count Osten-Sacken, the Russian ambassador, and M. Inouye, the Japanese minister, conversed animatedly for a quarter of an hour, to the entertainment of the observing diplomats.

Japan's reply, it is considered as offering Russia a way out of the difficulty without loss of prestige.

Japan's main points in her last note are understood here officially to be that Japan consents to eliminate Manchuria from the controversy, owing to the signature of the commercial treaty between China and Japan and Russia's assurances that China's commercial conventions will be respected. Japan therefore restricting her claims to Korea, asks for a definite written guarantee that Russia will abstain from interference in the politics of that country, thus leaving Korea exclusively to Japanese influence. Japan, rejecting the proposed neutral zone, as delimited by Russia, proposes a neutral zone, if Russia still thinks one desirable, which shall consist of equal territories of Korea and Manchuria, including the Yalu river, with all Russia's fortifications thereon. Finally, Japan fixes no limit of time but earnestly expresses the hope that Russia will not delay a definite and favorable reply to Japan's reasonable requests. Japan alludes to her privilege of discontinuing the negotiations should it appear that Russia is unwilling to accept these minimum proposals.

The note, not altogether precluding further negotiations, has a certain dignity in its tone implying that the correspondence is closed on the side of Japan. It is not believed that Russia will consider the proposed neutral zone suggested by Japan. No authoritative opinion is obtainable as to Russia's probable reply and the situation is likely to be prolonged for a good many days and possibly for weeks.

MAY TRANSFER NEGOTIATIONS.

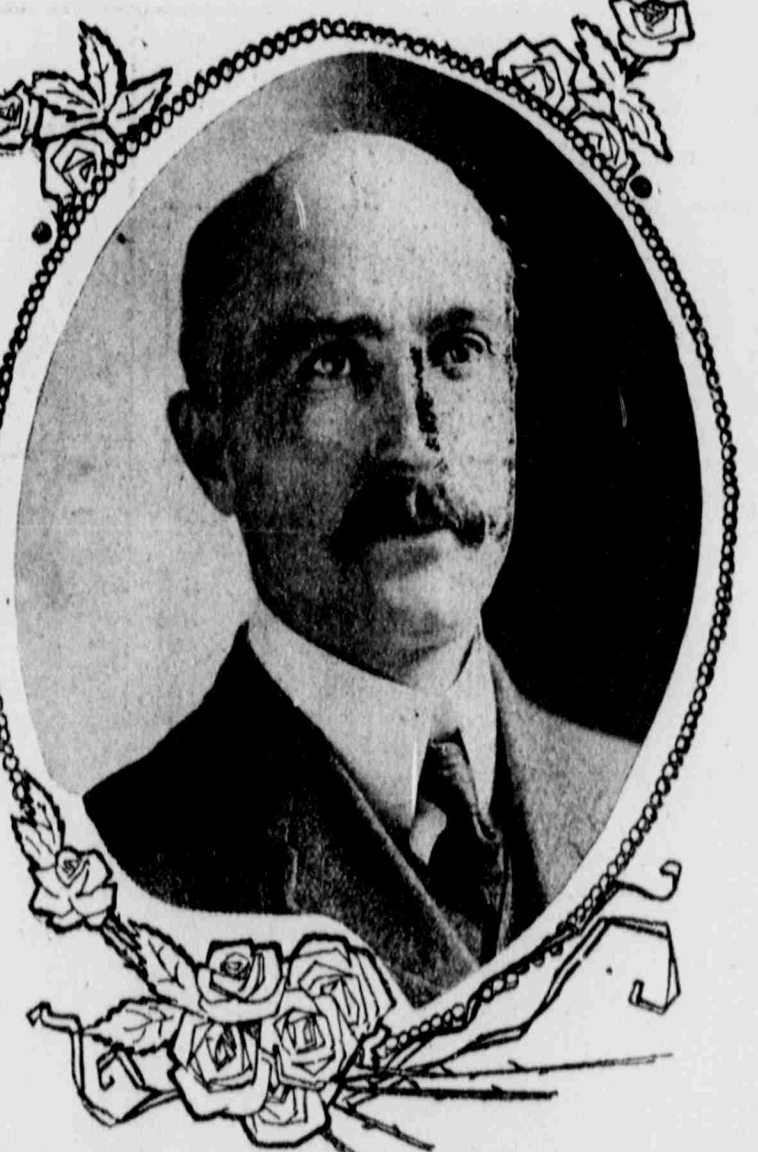
St. Petersburg, Jan. 15.—The diplomats here regard favorably the suggestion to transfer the Russo-Japanese negotiations to St. Petersburg. They do not think it is intended to delay matters, as interpreted abroad, but believe it would remove the negotiations from the hands of the war party, represented by Admiral Alekoff, the Russian viceroy in the far east, and enable the czar and Foreign Minister Lamsdorf to more closely control them.

Continuing its anti-war campaign, the Russ today predicts that even granting that Russia is victorious there will be subsequent interference on the part of the other powers and a "new edition of the Berlin congress."

GREAT ACTIVITY IN JAPAN.

Washington, Jan. 15.—State department advises say from Japan indicate an extraordinary activity in the preparation for war. These add to the pessimistic feeling already existing here respecting the probability of amicable adjustment of the Russo-Japanese trouble. Meanwhile the Japanese government is reported to be striving desperately to find some possible means of settlement but the state department learns that while professing a desire for peace the Russian position, at least in principle, remains unchanged and there is no sign of a disposition to yield to the Japanese proposal. Still the official opinion here is that if left to diplomacy the present situation may continue for several days or even weeks. The two chances of an earlier breach are said to be found in the possibility of the immediate occupation of Korean ports by Japanese forces and the presence in the Red sea simultaneously of Russian and Japanese warships.

Respecting the possibilities of a naval clash in that section, it is pointed out that only in case of formal existence of war could be applied to the Bue canal the rules of neutrality, which requires a period of 24 hours to elapse between the departure from the terminus of



F. J. HAGENBARTH, Salt Lake Man Who Was This Afternoon Elected President of the National Livestock Association.

Portland, Or., Jan. 15.—The executive committee has, under the provisions of the by-laws of the association, met and elected the following officers to look after the interests of the association during the coming year: Frank J. Hagenbarth of Idaho, president. H. A. Jastro of California, first vice president. F. M. Stewart of South Dakota, second vice president. George L. Goulding of Colorado, treasurer. Charles F. Martin of Colorado, secretary. Little or no politics was indulged in the elected officers all being slated to fill the positions they were elected to.